



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Kerry Whitney for Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
Emergency Services
REPORT BY: Kerry Whitney, Risk & Emergency Services Manager - 253-4821
SUBJECT: Amendment No.1 to Agreement 170517B - Nixle, LLC

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer and Risk and Emergency Services Manager request approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 170517B with Nixle, LLC for a total maximum of \$45,558 for a three-year term beginning November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2021 to provide interactive emergency communications to the Napa Operational Area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The County of Napa, on behalf of the Napa Operational Area, entered into a service agreement with Nixle, LLC in the Fall of 2014 for provision of its proprietary interactive communication system for emergency notifications to residents of Napa County. The County is the lead agency for the service agreement, but has partnered with several other local jurisdictions/agencies, so each participant pays a percentage of the cost of the agreement according to their predetermined usage.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	This agreement is budgeted in the Emergency Services sub-division, 80% of the contract amount will be proportionally reimbursed by the following participants:

- | County Public Health 5% (\$2,277.90)
- | Sheriff 10% (\$4,555.80)
- | County Fire/Dispatch 10% (\$4,555.80)
- | County Public Works/Flood 5% (\$2,277.90)
- | NCOE 5% (\$2,277.90)
- | Napa City OES 25% (\$11,389.50)
- | Am Can Fire 5% (\$2,277.90)
- | Am Can OES 5% (\$2,277.90)
- | St Helena OES 5% (\$2,277.90)
- | Calistoga OES/PD 5% (\$2,277.90)

Is it Mandatory or Discretionary? Mandatory

Is the general fund affected? Yes

Future fiscal impact: Reimbursements will continue for a maximum of 3 years, which is the term of the Nixle, LLC service agreement.

Consequences if not approved: The County will not have an interactive emergency communications to the Napa Operational Area.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In the Fall of 2014, the County contracted with Nixle, LLC for their proprietary Nixle 360 communications system following careful consideration of various systems that were currently available. The Nixle 360 system was chosen to replace the previous WARN notification system when that contract expired. This system allows participating entities in the Napa Operational Area to continue using the existing Nixle community communications system while also offering enhanced emergency notification features, including Spanish translation at no extra cost. The new IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert Warning System) licensed by FEMA is accessed through the Nixle platform.

FEMA authorized the use of IPAWS to local agencies to alert the public to events that pose a significant threat to life and/or property. IPAWS is a public warning system NOT a public notification system. Alerts issued by an authorized public agency using IPAWS may be disseminated to: Broadcast Media - EAS (Early Alert System), cellphones and other mobile devices - WEA (Wireless Emergency Alerts).

Therefore, this tool is vital to the County's emergency response capabilities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi